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A report to the criminal justice community on issues of common interest

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CJIA Executive Committee Meeting

*December 21, 1999 at
10:00 a.m.*

*DIS Boardroom,
Forum Building
(see article below)*

JIC Meeting

*Next regularly scheduled
meeting is*

February 7th, 2000

at 1:30 p.m.,

DIS Boardroom

JIC Tackles Stovepipe Funding

The Justice Information Committee (JIC) has formed a task force on enterprise funding for integrated justice, to pursue a partnership with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) that would provide incentives to states taking an enterprise approach to integration planning.

Integrated justice makes good sense. The more that is known about a suspect, the more efficient law enforcement becomes. Having accurate, timely information empowers justice officials with the necessary tools that they need to promote public safety.

While there has long been agreement on the goals of integration, complex and conflicting federal funding streams continue to flow through the stovepipes.

States typically look for whatever money is available from the federal government, competing with other states and, to a lesser degree, with local and county governments within their borders.

Funding as it is today

Typically state and local jurisdictions use the federal Department of Justice as a main funding source for new and innovative programs. The problem is that funding programs within the Department of Justice are so diverse that multiple funding streams may come into the state without any regard for integration.

Money comes into the state for many good but distinct projects, none of which are required to work together. The whole is the sum of its parts -- thereby missing out on the promise of integration.

The prioritization of projects and their integration is vital to enterprise planning and funding. The optimal use is all more important as local jurisdictions and state agencies implement I-695. The task force created by the JIC has been charged with developing a funding solution that makes

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sense. Once presented to the JIC, the solution will be forwarded to the Department of Justice for consideration. The intent is that a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency approach will fuel the migration from stovepipe to enterprise funding.

If you have an interest in participating in this task force, please advise Dennis Hausman, Justice Information Network Coordinator, via e-mail at DennisH@dis.wa.gov or by telephone at (360) 902-3463.

Automated Fingerprint Identification System

The Washington State Patrol (WSP), in partnership with the Department of Information Services (DIS), successfully launched the state's new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The AFIS 21 system, from NEC Technologies Inc. (NEC) replaces the antiquated and non-Y2K compliant fingerprint system known as ACOS. The partnership is structured so that DIS contracts with NEC for the new system and in turn provides the fingerprint identification system to the WSP. Phase 1 of the project's 5 phases was completed on October 18, 1999, and phase 2 will be completed in December 1999. The remaining phases will be completed in the year 2000.

Live Scan Awards

At its October 4, 1999 meeting JIC ratified the recommendation of the Executive Committee and announced the recipients of assistance awards for the purchase of Live Scan devices. The Live Scan sub-committee recommended the decision to the Executive Committee.

Benton, Chelan, Cowlitz, Franklin, Mason, Okanogan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane and Yakima counties will receive awards. Special thanks go to Bev Hempleman with the Office of Financial Management and Joan Smith with the Washington State Patrol for all of their help in administering and processing the awards.

Department of Corrections Awards Contract

The Washington State Department of Corrections awarded a contract to IBM Global Services to begin working on the Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) system. OMNI is the new name of the replacement for the Offender Based Tracking System (OBTS). OMNI will have additional

functionality including modules to aid Community Correction Officers in their daily duties. Additionally the new OMNI system will allow the Department to become more pro-active in its approach to offenders both in and out of state prisons. This effort, designed to be implemented in modules, represents the state's largest investment in information technology in recent years.

JIN Presence Among Stakeholder Groups

In October and November, JIN Coordinator Dennis Hausman represented JIN at the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Correctional Committee Meetings. Dennis also made presentations to the Skamania, Yakima, Douglas, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties Law, Safety and Justice Committees. He also met with the Information Technology Directors of the same five counties. Dennis attended demonstrations of jail management system in Thurston County and a Records Management System in Longview, and made two presentations about the JIN at the semi-annual meeting of WASPC.

Kolodney Returns to DIS Director Post

Steve Kolodney returned to the post of director of the state Department of Information Services (DIS) after spending three months as head of a center that helps public sector leaders advance the digital revolution.

"We are extremely pleased," said Gov. Gary Locke, adding that Kolodney did a superb job as DIS director and Washington's chief information officer from 1995 until his departure on June 30, 1999 to become director of Government Technology's new Center for Digital Government.

"I missed the challenges at DIS, which is on the cutting edge of information technology in our nation today," said Kolodney, who returned Oct. 4.

"Spending time with CIOs from across the country has only sharpened my personal desire to be on the front lines of creating the new digital state."

Kolodney's return to the director's office also means he will resume responsibilities as chair of the Justice Information Committee.

New Time and Dates for Future Executive Committee Meetings

At the last CJIA Executive Committee meeting the committee agreed to change the time and day of its meetings. Beginning in December, CJIA Executive Committee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each

month at 10:00 a.m. The meetings will continue to be held in the DIS Boardroom in the Forum Building at 605 East 11th Avenue in Olympia.